

Rural Water District No. 8

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House Committee on Energy and Utilities

Re: House Bill No. 2456

Members of the committee:

Rural Water District No. 8 wishes to express our support of HB 2456.

Because a representative of a rural water district does not attend the annual meeting of One Call Systems, it should not be considered as supportive of any recommended proposals by that One Call Board. Those in attendance should be trusted to evaluate and and vote the best interests of the members that are present at the meeting.

Since it is likely that a majority of the One Call members will not be in attendance at that annual meeting, the current "default proxy" system automatically gives a majority vote to the board of directors. How can not voting be considered a vote in any way?

Please consider passing House Bill 2456.

Sincerely,

Dennis F. Schwartz,
General Manager